

the Kingston Fire Department's first medical system coordinator.

Chief Nord's commitment to protecting both the public and his fellow emergency responders did not go unnoticed. In 2004, after 26 years with the Kingston Fire Department, Chief Nord was named fire chief of the Duxbury Fire Department. During Chief Nord's 18 years with the Duxbury Fire Department, Nord worked to increase diversity within the department by hiring more women, supervised the growth of the department with a new firefighters' quarter being added to the Central Fire Station, and served as the director of Duxbury's Emergency Management Agency, leading the town's response during blizzards, hurricanes, and power outages. Recognizing the advantages and importance of his medical training, Chief Nord advocated for his firefighters to become paramedics, hired more EMTs to the department, and had the Duxbury Fire Department incorporate advanced life support protocols.

Chief Nord has served as a leader not only to those in the Kingston and Duxbury Fire Departments, but also to firefighters across the Commonwealth. Throughout his career, Chief Nord chaired the Massachusetts Technical Rescue Coordinating Council and the Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Rescue Team, initiated the Regional Old Colony Communications Center, which handles 911 calls and dispatches emergency services to Duxbury and several other surrounding towns, and established the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management Team—a group that assists first responders address job related stress and trauma. As a founding member of the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Chief Nord and his team provided support to first responders at the World Trade Center following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Chief Nord has devoted his career to helping and protecting all throughout the South Shore. After 44 years of service, Chief Nord will officially retire on July 15th, and plans to travel across the Trans America Trail on his motorcycle.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Chief Kevin Nord. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his career and commitment to serving his community.

HONORING STEVE ORNDORF

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Orndorf for his outstanding contributions to our community.

During his 39 years living in Napa County, Mr. Orndorf was an active member of our community. He served terms as the President of the School Board, Rotary, Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Orndorf loved to volunteer and frequently helped with the Napa River Steelhead Monitoring Program. He also served on the Board of the Napa Valley Bank.

Mr. Orndorf was passionate about mentoring veterans who suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He worked with

veterans from the Pathway Home in Yountville, and the Post Deployment Assessment Treatment Program in the Martinez Veterans Affairs Center. His infectious spirit made him easy to get along with, and he continued relationships with many of the veterans even after they graduated from the program.

Mr. Orndorf lived a life of love and adventure. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. Mr. Orndorf had many passions, including fishing, mushroom hunting, bird watching, watching the weather, rock and beer can collecting, being in the outdoors, watching the Oakland A's and the San Francisco 49ers, writing, and mentoring. His most treasured hobbies were fishing in the jungles of South America and helping others however he could.

Mr. Orndorf sadly passed away on July 14, 2020, and he will be greatly missed by our community. Madam Speaker, it is evident that Steve Orndorf has left a monumental impact on our Napa County community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him and his legacy here today.

HONORING THE GRAND REOPENING OF THE MORRIS LAWRENCE BUILDING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand reopening of the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This special occasion and Washtenaw Community College's nearly 60 years of educating and enriching our community is worthy of commendation.

This building is named after Dr. Morris J. Lawrence, an influential musician, and former Washtenaw Community College jazz orchestra instructor. Dr. Lawrence made a tremendous impact on his students and our community with his teaching and his music, and this building was dedicated to him shortly after his passing in 1993. A native of New Orleans, Louisiana and a gifted musician, Dr. Lawrence started composing music in high school. He studied instrumental music at Xavier University of Louisiana, and after graduation moved to Ann Arbor to teach band at St. Thomas High School. He later became the director of music at the school and began teaching at Washtenaw Community College—all while working on his doctorate at the University of Michigan. A legendary teacher who touched the lives of so many, he wrote forty band compositions, sixty-four dance orchestra pieces, and four string quartets before the age of 30.

The reopening of the Morris Lawrence building follows an eight-month closure for renovation and upgrades. The building includes a 495-seat auditorium and is a hub for the creative arts student community. The remodeled Morris Lawrence Building and its new technological advancements will allow Washtenaw Community College to provide many years of quality education to present and future students. A new eco-friendly energy system, fast high-speed internet, and other welcoming amenities are among the new features that will enrich the student experience and reinforce a

positive learning environment. Founded in 1965, Washtenaw Community College enrolls nearly twenty thousand students annually and offers over one hundred degree or certificate programs in numerous subject fields. The college has partnerships with local and national businesses as well as the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University to help their students follow any path they choose.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Washtenaw Community College on this special day as the ribbon is cut at the entrance of the renovated Morris Lawrence Building. We are grateful to President Rose Bellanca and the Board of Trustees for their commitment to making Washtenaw Community College a fantastic place to learn and grow for Washtenaw County students of all ages. This new and improved creative arts facility will be an asset to the college and to the greater Washtenaw community for years to come.

HONORING CARMEN BROCKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Fire Chief Carmen Brocks from Flora, Mississippi.

A 1986 graduate of Provine High School, she furthered her education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1990. Throughout her young adult life, Ms. Brocks was very active in sports and was known as a kind, caring, friendly and compassionate individual. Not long after college, she decided to attend the Jackson Fire Academy to become a firefighter with much encouragement from her family. She also completed the course work with a B.S. Degree in Fire Administration at Columbia Southern University.

In November 1993, Ms. Brocks began her career as a Firefighter I at the Jackson Fire Department and graduated as a Firefighter II in 1994.

After 9 months, Ms. Brocks started climbing the ladder with the fire services, when she completed the requirements and successfully passed the exam to become a Relief Driver Operator. In 1998, she was promoted as the 1st female in the emergency services division to become Lieutenant under the leadership and supervision of, then, Captain Willie Owens. Ms. Brocks still kept striving in her professional career as the first female in the emergency services division to become Captain. In 2010, she became the first female District Chief, which she held for 8 years. In March of 2018, District Chief Brocks was appointed to Division Fire Chief of the Emergency Service Division under the leadership of Fire Chief Willie Owens.

Chief Brocks has blazed the trail for any African-American female who may want to follow in her appointment as Division Fire Chief. That also goes for any female who may want to follow in her footsteps. Chief Brocks truly believes, "to achieve anything, it requires faith, belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination and dedication."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Fire Chief Carmen Brocks for her dedication to serving.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MATT
POLKA'S RETIREMENT**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the retirement of Mr. Matt Polka, the longtime Chairman and President of ACA Connects. Matt's tenure, from the inception of the organization to the effective organization it has become today, has been marked by his integrity and his earnest commitment to representing the small, hometown businesses that have built and managed the cable and broadband networks that Americans depend on. Matt also distinguished himself in Washington by his common decency, his love of a good conversation about politics, and a desire to help anyone he could.

Those values have been clearly shaped by his deep roots in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There is not a person who worked with Matt that didn't know of his love and affection for his wife, Sharman, his daughters, Molly and Annie, and his pride in being from the Three Rivers area.

Under Matt's guidance and leadership, ACA Connects grew from an informal grassroots effort to being one of the preeminent telecommunications organizations in Washington. He ensured his members had a voice in all the important debates that have occurred since taking the helm of ACA Connects. Those efforts span the re-examination of the 1992 Telecommunications Act to each reauthorization of the satellite industry to the latest broadband deployment and adoption initiatives. His work was a mile wide and a mile deep.

Matt has helped my constituents in Ohio through his work to improve broadband infrastructure and access. Many of my constituents live in rural areas and Matt's advocacy has aided efforts to ensure that they can get online. Additionally, Matt has been a strong advocate for small businesses across the country and championed efforts to cut the bureaucratic red tape that hampers them.

ACA Connects earned its reputation through his unwavering vision and mantra to work with everyone, to find places of agreement, and to focus on common interests rather than focus on differences and partisanship. That approach has earned him the respect of so many Members, staff, and counsels across the Hill along with the various officials in administrations that have been in place during his time. The respect shown to Matt also comes from others—including consumer groups and businesses—even when his work puts him on opposite sides of an issue.

Guided by his faith, he has been a firm and determined advocate for his members and he has done so with conviction, character, and fairness. After 25 years of service to ACA Connects, I want to recognize his work and offer my best wishes for his next chapter of service in life.

DON DAVIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Davis for his years of service as County Manager for Jefferson County, Colorado.

Throughout his five years as the County Manager, Don showed tremendous dedication, dependability, and leadership, directing the organizational and administrative operations of 3,000 employees and one of the largest counties in the state. As the fourth-most populous county in Colorado which serves as the gateway from the Denver Metro region to the Rocky Mountains, Jefferson County has had to face a variety of issues in recent years ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic and budget shortfalls to wildfire events and infrastructure challenges. At every turn, Don has led with a pragmatic and innovative approach.

Don began his post-graduate career as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served his country through numerous deployments to the Middle East. Following his 27 years of service in the U.S. military, he retired with the rank of Colonel in 2017.

Don has successfully navigated Jefferson County and its residents through an unprecedented pandemic while continuing to move the region forward on climate change issues and creating a better quality of life for all Jeff co residents. I am incredibly thankful for his service and dedication to the people of Jefferson County and wish him well in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING LAETICIA
JOINVILLE, ALAIN HUYNH, AN-
TONIO MORALES, JET NGUYEN,
AND CHANEL SEEPERSAD

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the five outstanding students from my district in the Broward County Public School System who have been recognized with the annual "Best in Class" award.

Each year, Broward County Public Schools recognizes high school seniors in the county who have had perfect attendance throughout their K-12 education. This impressive feat requires a continued commitment and dedication to their education. I am proud to join them in recognizing these exemplary students:

Laetitia Joinville from Sheridan High School, Alain Huynh from Deerfield Beach High School, Antonio Morales from Coral Springs High School, Jet Nguyen from Everglades High School, and Chanel Seepersad from Blanche Ely High School.

Once again, I give congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their future endeavors and continued academic success. It is with great pleasure that I honor them.

HONORING NORTH CAROLINA PO-
LICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
TRAVIS SMITH**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kannapolis Police Sergeant Travis Smith on being recognized as the 2021-2022 North Carolina Police Officer of the Year.

A native of Cabarrus County, Sergeant Smith graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School in 1999 before joining the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 2000. He was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and served in the United States Army Reserves upon completing his assignment. In 2006, Sergeant Smith started with Kannapolis Police Department as a patrol officer. He became a Field Training Officer in 2014 and was later promoted to Sergeant in 2016. He continues to provide extraordinary service to his community as a member of Patrol Squad D.

Over the course of this career, Sergeant Smith has continuously demonstrated the highest level of sacrifice and bravery as a member of both the military and law enforcement. In 2013, he was awarded a Life Saving Award for rescuing a civilian from their burning home. His courageous action resulting in this previous distinction highlights just one example of his unassailable commitment to protecting and defending the residents of Kannapolis.

The North Carolina Police Officer of the Year award is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization. Sergeant Smith was nominated by Kannapolis VFW Post 8989 and selected from a statewide field of qualified police officers. In being recognized as the 2021-2022 National Police Officer of the Year, Sergeant Smith is now also recognized as a National VFW Police Officer of the Year. Sergeant Smith has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is incredibly deserving of these distinctions. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to serve and set an example for all in our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Sergeant Travis Smith as the 2021-2022 North Carolina Police Officer of the Year and wish him well as he continues his exemplary service to our community.

HONORING NAOMI FUCHS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Naomi Fuchs, CEO of the Santa Rosa Community Health, for her outstanding contributions to the health care system in California's Fifth Congressional District.

Ms. Fuchs was born in Boston, Massachusetts. She earned a bachelor's degree in medical anthropology and world music and dance from Wesleyan University, and a master's degree in business of administration from Sonoma State University.